

Remarks

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 21 May 2003. Being filed concurrently with this Response and Amendment is a Request for Extension of Time of one month with the requisite fee being paid in order to maintain the application in a pending state.

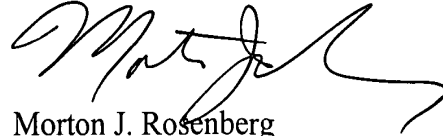
In the Official Action, the Examiner has required election of a single species to be elected from the 311 species listed by the Examiner for the binder. The species elected by Applicant is the species with 3 components directed to PVDF with MPE and one of the 51 corresponding polymers or co-polymers for MPAC. The modified polyacrylate species elected, as listed by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement, is numbered "35" directed to modified polyacrylates (MPAC) obtained from a co-polymer of carboxylic acid and acrylonitrile and butadiene.

The Examiner has also required a single species of the separation membrane to be elected for Claim 2 and by this Amendment, Applicant elects "micro-porous polypropylene film" as the separation membrane.

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It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in
condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

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